399. The total expenditure of the Department amounted to Rs. 6,38,683 (Rs. 6,02,475).

(iii) Transfer of Lands.

400. There were 4,290 transfers of land by the order of Courts– Civil and Revenue—involving an extent of 20,834 acres. Transfer by private contracts and mortgages numbered 1,64,159 involving an area of 3,95,573 acres. This information is exclusive of that of Bellary District where there were 15,491 transfers of land relating to all these categories.

(iv) Labour and Wages.

401. The rates of wages both skilled and unskilled, cart-hire and handling charges continued to rule high as in the preceding year without any marked change except in the case of Bellary District where there was a slight fall in the rates of wages as compared with those of last year. Relief and irrigation works were continued in the areas affected by distress in the previous years and several industrial concerns provided adequate labour to the working classes. There was further unusual movement of people in search of employment into the State during the year.

402. Large number of labourers from Madras migrated into the State in search of work. There was the usual migration of the State people to Nilgiri Coffee estates. The labour from Malabar, Coorg and South Canara as usual came in search of work in the Coffee Estates and Malnad during the agricultural season. The large irrigation projects under execution attracted a large number of labourers from outside the State.

403. Generally labour was available to labourers seeking employment.

(v) Inam Settlement.

404. Fourteen land inams of an aggregate area of 183 acres and 17 guntas were resumed. The resumption resulted in a net increase of Rs. 37-13-0 in Land Revenue and a decrease in the Jodi of about Rs. 33-15-0. Original